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OF USE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 16, 2004, applicants elect Claims 1-31 with traverse. Election is without prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the non-elected subject matter in a subsequent patent application.

Applicants traverse the Restriction Requirement. Applicants submit that Claims 32-35 are drawn to methods for ameliorating the symptoms of a disease, wherein the methods use a vector of the invention. Thus, there is no additional burden imposed on the Examiner to search

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the subject matter of Claims 32-35 in addition to the subject matter of Claims 1-31 which are generally directed to vectors useful in the practice of the methods defined by Claims 32-35.

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